



GSA National Capital Region
Office of Planning & Design Quality

August 3, 2016

Mr. David Maloney
State Historic Preservation Officer
for the District of Columbia
1100 4th Street, SW—Suite 650E
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Installation of Federal Building Identification Signs at the Ariel Rios Federal Building (ATF Headquarters), 99 New York Avenue, NE.

Dear Mr. Maloney:

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes installing three of the agency's standard building identification and wayfinding signs at the ATF Headquarters building at 99 New York Avenue, NE. In April 2016, legislation was passed designating the ATF Headquarters as the Ariel Rios Federal Building. Ariel Rios was ATF's first special agent killed by hostile action. The new signs will reflect this new designation. I am referring this undertaking to you under the Advisory Council's regulations for the protection of historic properties.

The ATF Headquarters building currently has one building sign on the corner of 1st and O Streets, NE. We propose replacing the current sign with the new standard sign and installing two additional signs. We propose installing a double-sided sign at the building entrance at 2nd and N Streets, NE, and another at the corner location of 1st and N Streets, NE. The new signs would conform to the design and structure that have been previously reviewed by your office for installation at federal buildings in the Monumental Core. New footers would be installed in previously disturbed soil to a depth of 36 inches. All signs are on the building site and not in public space.

I have determined that that no historic properties above or below grade would be affected by the installation of the signs. Enclosed is project information, including the previously accepted sign design, proposed site placements, and footing elevations. Thank you in advance for your review. Please contact me at nancy.witherell@gsa.gov or at 202-260-0663 if you would like additional information about the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy Witherell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nancy Witherell
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